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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/720,694	FRIEDERSDORF ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Patrick J. Lee	2878	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 June 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,3-14,16,17,19-24 and 44-47 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 1,3-14,16,17,19-24,44 and 45 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 46 and 47 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 25 November 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is in response to amendment filed June 2, 2006.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1 & 46 are objected to because of the following informalities:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.75(i), the elements of the claim should be separated by indentations.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 46-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 4,634,977 to Lenz et al.

With respect to claim 46, Lenz et al disclose a device for mapping magnetic fields comprising: magnetoresistive material (38); and single mode fiber (36) of sensor fiber (22) as a fiber optic condition sensor. Once exposed to a magnetic field, magnetoresistive material (38) imposes a strain upon sensor fiber (22), which is then detected by detector (34) for obtaining a strain characteristic indicative of the magnetic field strength.

With respect to claim 47, Lenz et al disclose microcomputer (112) as a data acquisition system connected to the sensor (22) for outputting a signal indicative of the detected strain characteristic, and readout (114) as a monitor for receiving the signal and providing an indication of magnetic field strength.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 3-14, 16-17, 19-24, & 44-45 are allowable over the prior art.
6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Reasons for allowable subject matter are found in applicant's statements filed June 2, 2006.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick J. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-2440. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm.

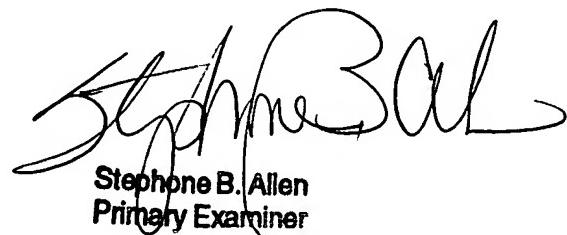
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Georgia Epps can be reached on (571) 272-2328. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Patrick J. Lee
Examiner
Art Unit 2878

PJL
June 28, 2006



The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Stephone B. Allen". Below the signature, there is printed text identifying the signer.

Stephone B. Allen
Primary Examiner